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TAGS: ENRG, GH

SUBJ: OIL AGREEMENT ANNOUNCED

REF: ACCRA 63

1. AT ANNUAL PRESS CONFERENCE JANUARY 10, GENERAL ACHEAMPONG, CHAIRMAN OF THE SUPREME MILITARY COUNCIL AND HEAD OF STATE, ANNOUNCED THAT GHANA WOULD "SIGN AN AGREEMENT" FOR OIL PRODUCTION LATER TODAY. AT RECEPTION FOLLOWING PRESS CONFERENCE, SMC STAFF MEMBER TOLD UK HICOM OFFICER THAT EXPLOITATION OF OIL FIELD WOULD "PARTIALLY MEET" GHANA'S OIL REQUIREMENTS. NEWS HAS ALSO BEEN BROADCAST ON GHANA RADIO.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH CHAIRMAN DID NOT NAME US FIRM, AGRI-PETCO, IT WAS CLEAR FROM CONTEXT THAT AGREEMENT TO BE SIGNED WILL BE "WINNING CONTRACT" FOR EXPLOITATION OF OFFSHORE OIL FIELD WHERE AGRI-PETCO  
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HAS BEEN DRILLING TEST WELLS FOR PAST YEAR. AGRI-PETCO OFFICIALS, AT END OF AFTERNOON, HAD NOT YET IN FACT SIGNED AGREEMENT, BUT WERE IN FINAL NEGOTIATING STAGES. PHILLIPS PETROLEUM HAS ALSO BEEN IN GHANA ARRANGING FOR AN OIL EXPLORATION CONCESSION AND REACHING AGREEMENT ON AN EXPLORATION PROGRAM, BUT IT IS UNDERSTOOD HERE THAT CHAIRMAN

WAS ANNOUNCING AGREEMENT (WITH AGRI-PETCO) TO  
DEVELOP AN OIL FIELD, NOT A MERE EXPLORATION  
CONTRACT. SMITH

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